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ACCEPTING G-19 POSITIONS AS SINA QUA NON FOR SUCCESSFUL

DECEMBER MINISTERIAL

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1. IN EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH RESPECTED CARACAS DAILY EL NACI-
ONAL PUBLISHED JULY 29, GOV MINISTER OF STATE FOR INT'L ECONOMIC
AFFAIRS DR. MANUEL PEREZ GUERRERO SAID THAT ONLY WHEN CIEC MEM-
BERS AGREE TO AN EQUITABLE AND GLOBAL PROGRAM WILL IT BE
POSSIBLE TO HOLD THE MID-DECEMBER CIEC MINISTERIAL. P-G NOTED
THAT CIEC IS NOW IN ITS ACTIVE PHASE AND THAT THE FOUR CIEC

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COMMISSIONS' WORK IS COMPLETELY INTERRELATED. "ONE CANNOT

ACCEPT CERTAIN PARTS AND REJECT OTHERS," HE SAID.

2. HE MADE DIRECT REFERENCE TO BOTH THE DEBT ISSUE AND THE QUESTION OF PURCHASING POWER OF LOCS WHICH REMAIN TO BE RESOLVED AND WITHOUT WHICH THE WORK PROGRAMS CANNOT BE COMPLETED.

3. LOOKING BEYOND AND EVENTUAL PARIS CONFERENCE. IN RESPONSE TO A QUESTION, P-G SAID THAT IF THE CIEC PROGRAM WERE APPROVED, THEN APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS AND THE COUNTRIES REPRESENTED IN THE G-77 WOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR CARRYING THEM OUT, TO THE EXTENT FEASIBLE. HE ALSO SAID THAT THE UNCTAD CONFERENCE IN NAIROBI HAD BEEN A POSITIVE FACTOR ON THE CIEC MEETINGS. HE CONCLUDED NOTING THAT HE AND EXTERNAL AFFAIRS MINISTER MACEACHEN OF CANADA ARE COORDINATING THE WORK OF THE CIEC COMMISSIONS AND WILL BE SEEKING TO PRESENT TO THE SECOND PHASE OF CIEC A PACKAGE OF RECOMMENDATIONS INCLUDING THE TWO DIFFICULT ITEMS MENTIONED IN PARA. 2.

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4. P-G PUBLIC COMMENTS IN THIS INTERVIEW REFLECT A MORE POSITIVE TONE THAN HIS PRIVATE REMARKS TO EMBOFFS LAST WEEK. HOWEVER, HIS PRINCIPAL POINT REMAINS THAT THE DCS MUST ACCEPT AN INTEGRATED PROGRAM, PRESUMABLY INCLUDING THE G-18 FORMULATIONS ON DEBT AND PURCHASING POWER.

5. P-G ALSO ANNOUNCED THAT HE WILL BE REPRESENTING VENEZUELA AS AN "ACTIVE OBSERVER" AT THE SRI LANKA NAC MEETING. EMBASSY HAS LEARNED THAT P-G WILL DEPART CARACAS AUGUST 6 FOR SRI LANKA. WHETHER HIS ABSENCE FROM CARACAS WILL HINDER CONTINUING CONSULTATIONS WITH THE CANADIANS ON REACHING COMPROMISE FORMULAS FOR NEXT CIEC MEETINGS IS NOT CLEAR. MOST OF HIS STAFF WILL REMAIN IN CARACAS AND WILL BE AVAILABLE TO CONSULT WITH THE CANADIANS.

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